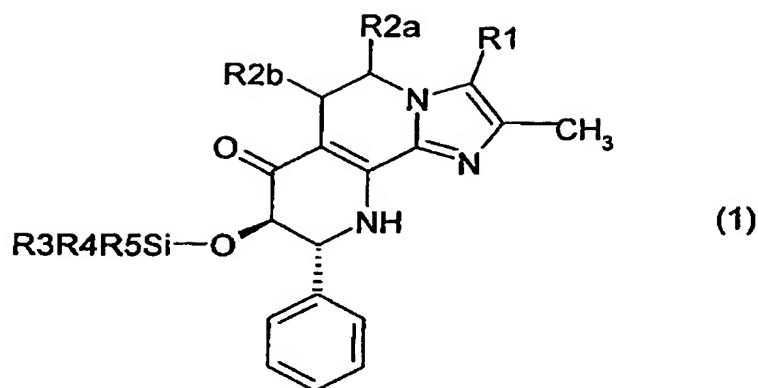


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Claims

1. A compound of the formula 1,



in which

R1 is methyl,

R2a and R2b are both hydrogen or together denote a bond,

R3 is 1-7C-alkyl,

R4 is 1-4C-alkyl and

R5 is 1-4C-alkyl,

and its salts.

2. A compounds of the formula 1 according to claim 1, in which

R1 is methyl,

R2a and R2b are both hydrogen or together denote a bond,

R3 is tert-butyl,

R4 is methyl and

R5 is methyl,

and its salts.

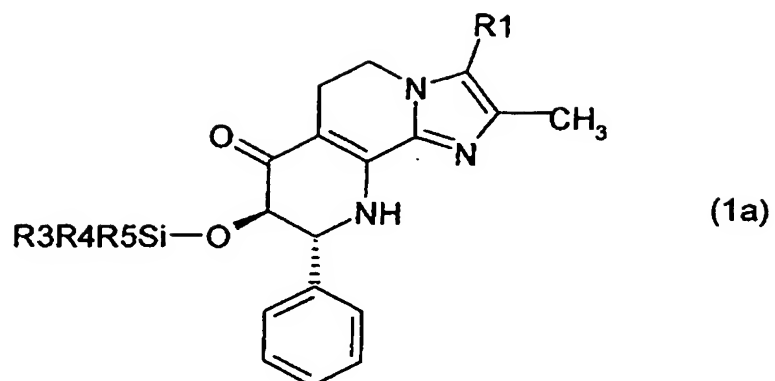
3. A compound of the formula 1 according to claim 1, in which

R2a and R2b are both hydrogen and which is characterized by the formula 1a,

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in which

R1 is methyl,

R3 is 1-7C-alkyl,

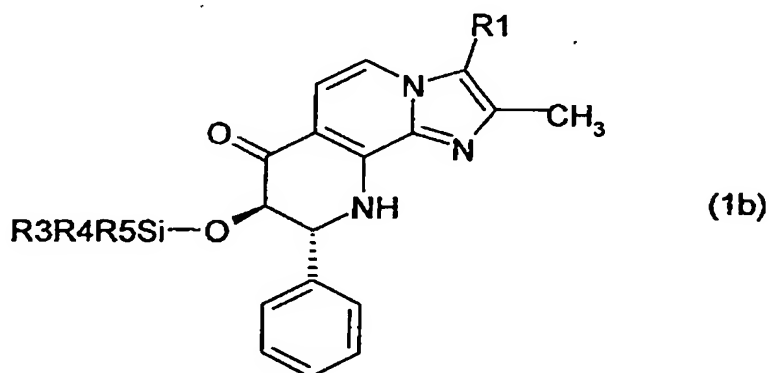
R4 is 1-7C-alkyl and

R5 is 1-7C-alkyl,

and its salts.

4. A compound of the formula 1 according to claim 1, in which

R2a and R2b together denote a bond and which is characterized by the formula 1b,



in which

R1 is methyl,

R3 is 1-7C-alkyl,

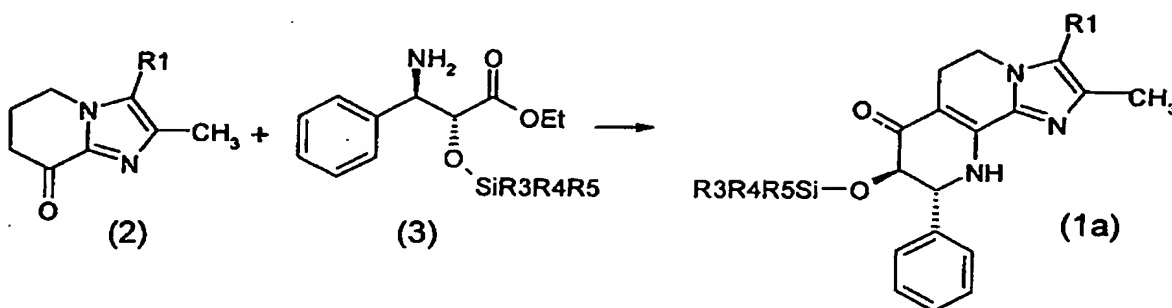
R4 is 1-7C-alkyl and

R5 is 1-7C-alkyl,

and its salts.

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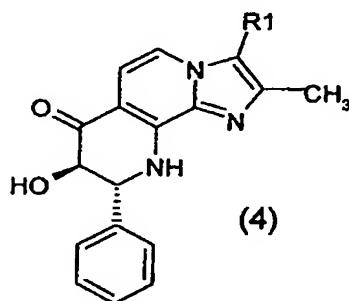
5. A process for the production of a compound of formula 1a according to claim 3,



which comprises reacting a compound of formula 2, in which R1 has the meaning given in claim 3, with a compound of formula 3, in which R3, R4 and R5 have the meanings given in claim 3, and subjecting the resulting imine intermediate to a ring closure reaction.

6. Use of a compound of formula 1b according to claim 4, for the production of a compound of formula

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in which

R1 is methyl,

by hydrolysis of the compound of formula 1b.